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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: LESTER WOLFF'S DEA CABLE

REF: STATE 124530

1. THE CABLE TO WHICH WOLFF IS REFERRING IS THE ONE WHICH I MENTIONED IN MY LAST MESSAGE AND WHICH REPORTS THAT THE TRAFFICKERS MENTIONED BY WOLFF ARE IN HIDING. THE FIRST DRAFT STATED THAT GENERALS PHAO AND CHAVALIT WERE VERY PLEASED WITH WOUFF'S REVELATIONS. I EDITED THIS WITH ADDARIO'S CONCURRENCE AS THE WAY HE HAD IT WORDED GAVE A VERY FALSE IMPRESSION AND CONCEALED THE FACT THAT BOTH GENERAL PHAO AND GENERAL CHAVALIT WERE FURIOUS OVER THE WOLFF STATEMENT. THEY ARE STILL ANGRY OVER THE REVELATION OF THIS INFORMATION AND ARE INCENSED AT THE IMPLICATION OF COLLUSION BETWEEN THE TRAFFICKERS AND THE POLICE. RATHER THAN GO INTO ALL THIS WE JUST EDITED THE DRAFT BUT OBVIOUSLY DEA HAD GIVEN WOLFF WHAT IT WANTED
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HIM TO KNOW BY TELEPHONE.

2. I MIGHT ADD THAT, AS YOU KNOW, THE PRIME MINISTER IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION. HIS POSITION OF WOLFF'S REVELATIONS, WHICH HE GAVE ME WHILE WE WERE CHATTING LAST WEEK DURING CONSTELLATION'S VISIT, IS SIMILAR TO PHAO'S. HE IS VERY ANNOYED WITH

WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE A BREACH OF CONFIDENCE AND MEDDLING BY A US. CONGRESSMAN, BUT HE IS PLEASED THAT THE TRAFFICKERS ARE FRIGHTENED. HE NOTES THAT IT IS FEAR OF HIS USING ARTICLE 21 AGAINST THEM RATHER THAN THE WOLO STATEMENT WHICH IS UNSETTLING THEM.

3. I THINK YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO WOLFF THAT THE TWO POLICE GENERALS AND, INDEED THE PRIME MINISTER, ARE PLEASED THAT THE TRAFFICKERS ARE FRIGHTENED, BUT ARE ANNOYED AT HIS REVELATION. DEA WAS REPORTING ONLY THE FORMER AND RATHER THAN GO INTO THE LATTER AND APPEAR TO CARP AT HIM I HAD THE WHOLE THING DELETED. I FIND THE THAI POSITION PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE AND I SHOULD THINK HE WILL ALSO.

4. I CAN'T TELL FROM YOUR MESSAGES WHETHER YOU ARE KEEPING FALCO INFORMED. SHE HAS A LOT OF BACKGROUND ON THIS GENERAL PROBLEM.
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